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General Comment

I am deeply concerned about the pesticide glyphosate, the use of which has dramatically risen over the last several decades. Indeed mounting levels of this product have been "deemed" safe by regulatory agencies despite mounting evidence that its use is contributing to a range of harmful impacts, both on human health and on the environment. I am attaching but one journal article whose abstract is copied below. Based on a growing body of research, such as this study, I urge the EPA to take the bold step of eliminating the use of glyphosate from U.S. agriculture. There is a growing chorus of voices who recognize the dangers of this pesticide in our farming and food.

A huge increase in the incidence and prevalence of chronic diseases has been reported in the United States (US) over the last 20 years. Similar increases have been seen globally. The herbicide glyphosate was introduced in 1974 and its use is accelerating with the advent of herbicide-tolerant genetically engineered (GE) crops. Evidence is mounting that glyphosate interferes with many metabolic processes in plants and animals and glyphosate residues have been detected in both. Glyphosate disrupts the endocrine system and the balance of gut bacteria, it damages DNA and is a driver of mutations that lead to cancer.

Attachments

Genetically engineered crops, glyphosate and the deterioration of health in the United States of America

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